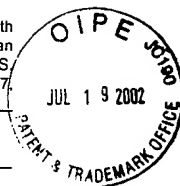


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Responsive to the "Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures" dated June 21, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on August 21, 2002, applicants respectfully submit the following.

AMENDMENT

Please cancel the Sequence Listing beginning on a separate page after the Abstract and insert in place thereof the sequence listing attached herewith.

REMARKS

The specification of the subject U.S. Patent Application has been amended by deleting the Sequence Listing submitted with the "Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted," which was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 6, 2002, and inserting in place thereof the accompanying